

**RADNOR LAKE STATE NATURAL AREA
SPRING PROGRAM SCHEDULE
2004**

A variety of activities are available, free of charge from Radnor Lake State Natural Area. Reservations for programs open at 9:00 A.M. on the dates listed and will be taken until full or up to program.

Please call 377-1281 to sign up.

Otter Creek Road is closed to vehicle traffic. This is to increase visitor's safety and enjoyment of Radnor Lake from a traffic-free environment.

For more information on Radnor Lake or our programs, please visit our website at:

www.radnorlake.org

This program schedule funded by Friends of Radnor Lake

MARCH, APRIL, & MAY

***CANOE FLOATS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION IF WATERFOWL ARE PRESENT ON
THE LAKE.**

MARCH

SNAKES: Saturday, March 6th at 10:00 a.m. Join Park Ranger Josh Kirby for an exhibit of our live snakes at the visitors center. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.

RADNORS SNAKES: Sunday, March 7th at 1:00 p.m. Join park staff at the visitors center and we will learn about some of the snakes that live in our area and see some live specimens as well. Leader: Morton. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.

BIRDS OF PREY: Sunday, March 7th at 2:00 p.m. Meet park staff at the bottom of the hall drive for a live exhibit of our birds of prey. Leader: Kirby. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.

ASTRONOMY NIGHT HIKE: Friday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. Join staff at the visitors center for a short hike under the stars. We will then car-pool to visit Dyer Observatory for a closer look. Leader: Hedgepath. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH.

CHILDRENS CAVE ECOLOGY: Saturday, March 13th at 10:30 a.m. Join us at the Environmental Education Center. We will discuss how caves are formed and some of the things that we will find in them. We will then hike to a small cave on the park to experience this natural wonder for ourselves. Leader: Morton. Ages 8 and above. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH.

WATERFOWL IDENTIFICATION FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED: Saturday, March 13th at 1:00 p.m. Meet us at the causeway to learn about our park and the waterfowl that call Radnor Lake their temporary home. ***This program is for the hearing impaired only.*** Contact the visitors center or Steve Ward for more information. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH.

SNAKES: Sunday, March 14th at 2:00 p.m. Join Park Ranger Josh Kirby for an exhibit of our live snakes at the visitors center. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.

MOONLIGHT ON THE WATER: Wednesday, March 17th at 7:00 p.m. Join us for an evening stroll along the lakeshore. Leader: Hedgepath. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH.

WATERFOWL IDENTIFICATION FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED: Saturday, March 20th at 10:00 a.m. See Program description for March 13th. All ages welcome. Leader: Ward. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH.

SOUTH LOOP WILDFLOWER WALK: Saturday, March 20th at 1:00 p.m. Join Randy for a walk among the flowers. We will learn their names, folklore, and nature as we enjoy their beauty. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.

BLOODROOT HIKE: Sunday, March 21st at 1:00 p.m. Visit with us a recently protected property by the Friends of Radnor Lake, on which grows a wonderful patch of the interesting Bloodroot flowers. Leader: Hedgepath. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH.

PINE CONE BIRDFEEDERS: Monday, March 22nd at 10:00 a.m. Join park staff at the Environmental Education Center to make an all- natural bird feeder that you can take home with you. Leader: Morton. Ages 4 – 11. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH.

VOLUNTEER DAY: Saturday, March 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please join our staff to give back to our beautiful park that has given us so much. We will take on different projects each time that will aid in preserving and protecting Radnor Lake for years to come. We will meet at the visitors center. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.

SOUTH LOOP WILDFLOWER WALK: Saturday, March 27th at 1:00 p.m. Join Randy for a walk among the flowers. We will learn their names, folklore, and nature as we enjoy their beauty. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.

CELEBRATE NATURAL AREAS!: Sunday, March 28th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Join us for a variety of programs to highlight Tennessee State Natural Areas. Friends of Radnor Lake will host the event with wildflower walks, live wildlife demonstrations, art show, and the presentation of the fourth annual environmental award. All are welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED.

LAKE TRAIL WILDFLOWER WALK: Sunday, March 28th at 10:00 a.m. Stroll with Randy on the easy Lake Trail and enjoy the natural decorations. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.

WILDFLOWER HIKE / NATURAL AREAS KICK-OFF: Sunday, March 28th Join Park Ranger Steve Ward for a hike along the South Lake and South Cove trails after the conclusion of the 4th Annual Environmental Award. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.

NIGHT HIKE: Tuesday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. Join park staff where we will take a hike along the Lake and South Lake trails under the cover of night. Leader: Ward. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH.

APRIL

CANOE FLOAT ON THE DUCK STATE SCENIC RIVER: Friday, April 2nd at 9:00 a.m. Meet at Radnor Lake and join the staff of Natural Heritage on the easy 4- hour float down the Duck River. Cost is \$10 per person or \$20 per canoe. For reservations and more information, please call Forrest Evans at 741-9205.

FRIDAY WILDFLOWER HIKE: Friday, April 2nd at 1:00 p.m. See description for March 28th. Leader: Ward. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH.

WOOD DUCK BOX BUILDING: Saturday, April 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Come learn how to construct Wood Duck Boxes and learn the contribution boxes have in supporting Wood Duck populations. This is a hands-on program for all ages. Participants under 18 require adult supervision. All ages welcome. Leader: Ward, Kirby, & Morton. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH.

DEVIL'S BACKBONE EXCURSION: Saturday, April 3rd at 1:00 p.m. Celebrate Natural Area's Week with a visit to a scenic state natural area on the Natchez Trace Parkway. Leader: Hedgepath. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH.

TENNESSEE WILDFLOWERS: Saturday, April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. The best wildflowers of the entire growing season, and you can see them from a chair at the visitors center. Join us for a slide show with identification, folklore, and interesting facts about these natural beauties. Leader: Hedgepath. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED.

BIRDS OF PREY: Sunday, April 4th at 1:00 p.m. Join Park Ranger Josh Kirby for an exhibit of our live birds at the visitors center. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.

SPRING MIGRATION BIRD WALKS: Wednesday, April 7th at 7:30 a.m. Meet at the west parking lot and join the expert birders of the Tennessee Ornithological Society for a bird watch at Radnor Lake. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED.

ASTRONOMY NIGHT HIKE: Friday, April 9th at 8:00 p.m. Join staff at the visitors center for a short hike under the stars. We will then car-pool to visit Dyer Observatory for a closer look. Leader: Hedgepath. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD.

WILD CAVING EXPERIENCE: Saturday, April 10th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meet park staff at the visitors center, where we will briefly discuss caving safety and cave creation. We will then carpool 15 miles to Junkyard cave, where we will take a strenuous 3-mile hike into this vast underground world. Wear good hiking boots and prepare to get muddy. As we explore, we will be wading through a creek and climbing around large rocks. Leader: Morton. Ages 14 and up. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD.

SOUTH LOOP WILDFLOWER WALK: Saturday, April 10th at 1:00 p.m. Join Randy for a walk among the flowers. We will learn their names, folklore, and nature as we enjoy their beauty. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.

LAKE TRAIL WILDFLOWER WALK: Sunday, April 11th at 1:00 p.m. Stroll with Randy on the easy Lake Trail and enjoy the natural decorations. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.

MOONLIGHT ON THE WATER: Wednesday, April 14th at 8:00 p.m. Join us for an evening stroll along the lakeshore. Leader: Hedgepath. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH.

FRIDAY WILDFLOWER HIKES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED: Friday, April 16th at 10:00 a.m. Join Ranger Steve Ward for a wildflower hike along the South Lake / South Cove trails. ***This hike is for the hearing impaired only.*** For more information contact the visitors center. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH.

CHILDRENS NATURE HIKE: Sunday, April 18th at 1:00 p.m. Meet park staff at the visitors center where we will take a short hike on the access trail, we will then look for animals and discuss some of the basic things we will find in nature. Leader: Morton. Ages 4 to 11. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH.

SNAKES: Sunday, April 18th at 2:00 p.m. Join Park Ranger Josh Kirby for an exhibit of our live snakes at the visitors center. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.

FRIDAY WILDFLOWER HIKE: Friday, April 23rd at 1:00 p.m. See description for March 28th. Leader: Ward. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH.

VOLUNTEER DAY: Saturday, April 24th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. See program description for March 27th. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.

WILDFLOWER WALK: Saturday, April 24th at 2:00 p.m. Join park staff as we walk the trails of Radnor to seek out some of the first bloomers of spring. Leader: Kirby. All ages welcome. Meet at the visitors center. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CANOE FLOAT: Saturday, April 24th at 4:00 p.m. Join Randy for a paddle tour of Radnor Lake. Great views and wonderful wildlife viewing are featured. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY BEFORE THE FLOAT.

RADNORS SNAKES: Tuesday, April 27th at 1:00 p.m. Join park staff at the visitors center and we will learn about some of the snakes that live in our area and see some live specimens as well. Leader: Morton. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.

FRIDAY WILDFLOWER HIKES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED: Friday, April 30th at 10:00 a.m. See program description for April 16th. Leader: Ward. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH.

MAY

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CANOE FLOATS: Saturday, May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th at 4:00 p.m. Join Randy for a paddle tour of Radnor Lake. Great views and wonderful wildlife viewing are featured. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY BEFORE THE FLOAT.

NIGHT HIKE: Saturday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. Join Ranger Steve Ward for a hike to Ganier Ridge after dark. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH.

MOUNTIAN LAUREL WALK: Sunday, May 2nd at 9:00 a.m. Join Randy for a trip up Ganier Ridge in hopes of seeing Mountain Laurel in bloom. One of the few places near Nashville where this wonderful shrub grows is on Ganier Ridge. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH.

RADNORS SNAKES: Sunday, May 2nd at 2:00 p.m. Join park staff at the visitors center and we will learn about some of the snakes that live in our area and see some live specimens as well. Leader: Morton. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.

SPRING MIGRATION BIRD WALKS: Wednesday, May 5th at 7:30 a.m. Meet at the west parking lot and join the expert birders of the Tennessee Ornithological Society for a bird watch at Radnor Lake. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED.

MORNING CANOE FLOATS: Every Thursday in May at 7am. Join Randy for a paddle tour of Radnor Lake. Great views and wonderful wildlife viewing are featured. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY BEFORE THE FLOAT.

FRIDAY WILDFLOWER HIKE: Friday, May 7th at 1:00 p.m. See description for March 28th. Leader: Ward. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, MAY 1ST.

WILD CAVING EXPERIENCE: Saturday, May 8th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. See program description for April 10th. Leader: Morton. Ages 14 and up. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, MAY 1ST.

BIRDS ON THE ROAD: Saturday, May 8th at 2:00 p.m. Meet park staff at the bottom of the hall drive for a live exhibit of our birds of prey. Leader: Kirby. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.

ASTRONOMY NIGHT HIKE: Friday, May 14th at 8:30 p.m. Join staff at the visitors center for a short hike under the stars. We will then car-pool to visit Dyer Observatory for a closer look. Leader: Hedgepath. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, MAY 8TH.

MOONLIGHT ON THE WATER: Saturday, May 15th at 8:30 p.m. Join us for an evening stroll along the lakeshore. Leader: Hedgepath. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, MAY 8TH.

WILDFLOWER WALK: Sunday, May 16th at 1:00 p.m. Join park staff as we walk the trails of Radnor to seek out some of the bloomers of spring. Leader: Kirby. All ages welcome. Meet at the visitors center. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, MAY 8TH.

CHILDRENS NATURE HIKE: Monday, May 17th at 11:00 a.m. Meet park staff at the visitors center where we will take a short hike on the access trail, we will then look for animals and discuss some of the basic things we will find in nature. Leader: Morton. Ages 4 to 11. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, MAY 15TH.

CANOE FLOAT FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED: Wednesday, May 19th at 5:00 p.m. Join Ranger Steve Ward for a canoe float around Radnor Lake. ***This program is for the hearing impaired only.*** For more information, please contact our visitors center. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, MAY 15TH.

VOLUNTEER DAY: Saturday, May 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. See program description for March 27th. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY.

BIRDS ON THE ROAD: Saturday, May 22nd at 3:00 p.m. See Program description for May 8th. Leader: Kirby. All ages welcome. NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED.

HISTORY OF NARROWS OF THE HARPETH: Saturday, May 29th at 9:00 a.m. Join park staff at the visitors center, where we will then car-pool to Narrows of the Harpeth. We will explore the area and discuss its unique history. Leader: Morton. All ages welcome. RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, MAY 22ND.